

Bay Area Mineralogists December 2004 Newsletter

Next meeting December 8th
Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology
Building, Los Altos, California
<http://www.baymin.org>



Welcome to the December issue of The Bay Area Mineralogists (BAM) newsletter. The purpose of our club is to further spread the knowledge and interest of mineralogy in our world today and promote awareness in the field of natural sciences as they pertain to the geosciences.



Happy Holidays!!!

At the last BAM meeting many items were discussed regarding activities and events for the upcoming year. We will be preparing an outline of the possible field trips, guest speakers, and general structure of the 2005 meetings. Come early and share your ideas because 2005 promises to even more eventful than this past year. Decisions will be made, so be a part of them and get your two cents worth in.



Silent Night Auction

The December meeting will feature a "Silent Night Auction" (because it's holiday time) to kick off BAM's new "Guest Speaker Fund". We have contacted several guest speakers to determine their interest, but most are out of the area and have to travel in at an added expense. To help with this, a fund will be created to be used throughout the year to help offset their costs and encourage these recognized names to be speakers. No money will be spent without the approval of a majority of club members present at scheduled meetings. So, with that in mind, **bring in your good stuff** and help raise money for guest speakers. Bidding begins as soon as we can setup the tables and will end at 10pm sharp

December Meeting Agenda

In addition to the auction at the December meeting, we will be discussing the outline for the 2005 Field Trips and Presentations. The November meeting had several people providing suggestions for upcoming collecting trips and talks. The January 12th BAM meeting will feature an original 8mm video on The Champion Mine in the White Mountains of Nevada. Stan Bogosian will coordinate the video and the discussion on the history and activities of this

famous locality that produced andalusite for the production of spark plugs in America in the early part of the 20th Century. We are asking all members to bring in any mineral specimens and provide details of any collecting experiences regarding the Champion Mine. Several members have made multiple trips there in the past three years and much has been improved in the main mining camp area. So bring your "stuff" in and be prepared for an interesting evening at the first meeting of 2005 on January 12th. Meanwhile, don't forget to bring in your auction mineral donations and ideas for activities at this upcoming December 8th meeting.

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Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Foothill College, Room P-24, Geology Building, Los Altos Hills, California. 8-10pm. Take highway 280 North from San Jose toward San Francisco to the El Monte exit and head west.